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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Dissemination to ECA

1. On Friday last you informed me that Mr. Hoffman, Chairman of the ECA, had expressed strong dissatisfaction with the way in which CIA has been withholding information which could be of value to ECA. Mr. Hoffman stated that ECA was extending very substantial aid to CIA, and that it was getting a brush-off in return. You instructed me to correct this situation, and noted that if CIA did not do so of its own volition it was more than likely we would receive hard and fast orders from the National Security Council. Rather than wait for such orders, which might leave us no leeway to deal with the problem, you directed me to work out a system which would ensure that all intelligence and information of value to ECA is promptly transmitted. This system must be on a basis of calculated risk, balancing ECA's need-to-know against operational hazards.

2. Mr. Doherty and Mr. Alexander of ECA's Security and Investigation Division called upon me this morning, and I have made the following commitments in accordance with your instructions:

a. Liaison Division readers will set aside each day copies of all papers produced in CIA which they believe are important to ECA.

b. ECA will designate a reader, probably Mr. Alexander himself, who will be thoroughly cleared by our Inspection and Security Staff.

c. The ECA reader will be cleared to see all materials set aside for ECA, including  reports and others, even though of Top Secret classification. He will come to M-Building as often as may prove desirable in practice, will determine which of the reports set aside for him are in fact important to ECA, and will be permitted to take with him to ECA, against his personal receipt, copies of those reports which do not present the "sensitive source" problem.

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d. Reports which do present a "sensitive source" problem will be read by the ECA reader in their original format, but they will not be released to him to be taken outside M-Building save with the approval of the originating Office. If the originating Office considers that it should edit a given report before it can be used in ECA it will do so - eliminating source descriptions or whatever else may be necessary - but it will retain the same report number  on the edited version.

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3. In making these commitments I pointed out that we might often have to learn from ECA precisely which of their people was going to have access to particular reports, and that it might happen on occasion that we would have to demur from letting particular individuals have access. In such cases ECA would have to give us the name of someone else. Responsibility for handling the reports in ECA, and seeing to it that they did not go to unauthorized individuals, would henceforth rest squarely on the shoulders of Mr. Yeagley, Director of ECA's Security and Investigation Division.

4. It is certain that the Office of Operations, and perhaps other Offices and Staffs, will take exception to the arrangements described above. Hence I should appreciate your signature of approval on this memorandum before I transmit copies to COAPS, I&SS, OO, and ORE.

Signed

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